Personal Professional Development Plan

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My personal professional development plan focuses on developing a career as a school library media specialist. I am optimistic about attaining a full-time position as a media specialist but realize that may take some time. I believe a personal professional development plan is a good method for scaffolding a strategy with which I may attain my career goals and ensure continued professional growth.

**Career Development**

* Seek a position as a full-time school library media specialist.
* Seek employment as a long-term substitute for a school library media specialist.
* Seek employment as a substitute teacher in the local school districts I am most interested in ultimately working with as a full-time school library media specialist.
* Seek part-time employment with the local public libraries in order to gain professional experience in a library.
* Volunteer at the school libraries I am most familiar with in order to gain professional and practical experience.

**Professional Associations**

I will maintain membership in the following professional associations and strive to serve on committees and seek leadership roles within the individual associations.

* ALA – American Library Association
* AASL – American Association of School Librarians
* NYLA/SSL – New York Library Association/ Section of School Librarians
* SLAWNY – School Librarians’ Association of Western New York
* WNYLRC – Western New York Library Resources Council

**Professional Journals/Periodicals/Blogs**

I will stay current with trends and best practices in the field of school librarianship by regularly reading these publications. I will also strive to develop my own Personal Learning Network in an effort to create an online community from which I can source the most current information regarding the field of school librarianship.

* *School Library Journal*
* *American Libraries*
* *Knowledge Quest*
* *Teacher Librarian*
* TeacherLibrarianNing <http://teacherlibrarian.ning.com/>
* Joyce Valenza’s *Neverending Search* <http://blogs.slj.com/neverendingsearch/>
* Gwyneth A. Jones’ *The Daring Librarian* <http://www.thedaringlibrarian.com/>
* Jennifer LaGarde’s *The Adventures of Library Girl* <http://www.librarygirl.net/p/about-me.html>
* Tiffany Whitehead’s Mighty Little Librarian <http://www.mightylittlelibrarian.com/>

**Conferences and Workshops**

I will strive to attend one conference per year in order to network with other library professionals and stay current with trends and topics in the field. I will supplement my continuing education with workshops throughout the year.

* NYLA/SSL Conference
* AASL National Conference & Exhibition
* Erie 1 BOCES workshops